



## 2009 Nevada Legislature

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### Bill Draft Requests (BDRs)

- During the 2007 Legislative Session, the number of BDRs was reduced from four (4) to three (3) for cities of 100,000 or more
- BDRs due to the Legislative Council Bureau by September 1, 2008
- 2009 Legislative Session
  - 120 Days
  - February 4 – June 4, 2009

## Proposed CLV Bill Draft Requests

- Eliminate the requirement for arbitration of disputes on public works projects
- Increase the flexibility of incentives for redevelopment agencies
- Expand the definition of a Stabilization Fund to allow additional uses of the funds

### BDR 1: Eliminate the requirement for arbitration of disputes on public works projects

- NRS 338.150
- Currently arbitration required for local governments
  - Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) excluded
- Proposed change would make it optional for local governments depending on the dispute



## BDR 2: Increase the flexibility of incentives for redevelopment agencies

### **Proposed changes:**

- Allow agencies to make direct loans
- Extend agencies sunset date
- Extend Tourist Improvement District sunset date

## BDR 3: Expand the definition of a Stabilization Fund to expand how the funds can be used

- **Stabilization Fund (NRS 354.6115) is restrictive:**
  - Can only be accessed to mitigate effects of natural disaster (i.e., fire, flood, earthquake, drought)
  - Limited to 10% of prior year general fund expenditures
- **Expand Fund Definition**
  - Economic downturn
  - Other significant emergencies
    - Acts of hostile aggression
    - Environmental accidents

## Upcoming Legislative Issues

- **Currently 2009 Bill Draft Requests**

- Various Government Taxes
  - Consolidated Tax, Property Tax, Sales Tax, etc.
- Fiscal Local Authority
- Sewer Laterals
- Transportation Funding
- Copper Wire Theft
- Municipal Elections
- Redevelopment
- Elections Clean Up Bill
- Public Employee Benefits
  - Public Employees' Retirement System
  - Public Employees' Benefits Program